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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1-12 remain in the application. Claims 10-12 have been amended. Claims 1-9 have been allowed. Rejoinder of method claims 10-12 has been requested.

Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's statement in item 2 on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability that claims 1-9 have been allowed.

Method claims 10-12 have been amended to correspond to allowed product claims 1-9. More specifically, the feature of the guide tube having a separation chamber, which is indicated by the Examiner in item 3 on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability as not being disclosed by the prior art, has been added to claim 10. Since method claim 10 includes all the limitations of allowed product claim 1 and claims 11-12 are dependent on claim 10, rejoinder of claims 10-12 is requested under MPEP 821.04 ("if applicant elects claims directed to the product, and a product claim is subsequently found allowable, withdrawn process claims which depend from or otherwise include all the limitations of the allowable product claim will be rejoined").

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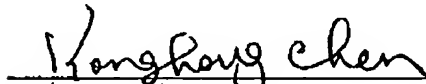
In view of the foregoing, the issuance of a Supplemental Notice of Allowability allowing all the claims 1-12 is solicited.

In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel would appreciate a telephone call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made. Please charge any fees which might be due with respect to 37 CFR Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A., No. 12-1099.

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